

ROBERT AND CHRISTIANA
SPOUNCER CARLILE

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Cowley, England; died Oct. 15, 1861, son
of John and Annie Maria Carlile.



Christiana Spouncer, born Feb. 1, 1797,
Bigby, England, died Nov. 30, 1891,
daughter of James and Ann Spouncer.

Children: Mary Carlile Cooper, Isaac,
John, John Carlile, Robert, George and James.

Robert and Christiana Spouncer Carlile
joined the Church in 1848 and in 1849 came
to America and lived in Council Bluffs,
Iowa, until 1852 when they crossed the
plains in Captain Jolley's train. They set-
tled in Palmyra, near the present city of
Spanish Fork, Utah County. They were
among the first settlers in Heber in 1859-
60. Little is known of Robert, as he passed
away in 1861 shortly after they came here
and was one of the first to be buried in the
Heber City cemetery.

After the settlers moved from the Fort,
Christiana's home was a little log house on
the corner of second north and second west
where George Nelson now lives and it was
later moved to the east corner where Buell's
apartments now stand. She was often seen
walking over the stubble ground on her bare
feet with her shoes under her arm. When
she came to the road she would put on her
shoes. In this way she would save her shoes
as shoes and money were very scarce.

The following accounts were submitted by
her great grand-daughters:

Mrs. Martha Giles Erickson remembers
her well—"My sister Ann Averett and I
used to go and do her dishes and clean her
house. She always thanked us. She ap-
preciated everything that was done for her.
She seemed to get comfort from her cats as
there was so little a blind person could en-
joy. She was kind to everyone and was a
very nice old lady. She sat on her east
porch much of the time. She was a woman
of very few words, quiet but pleasant. She
wore a cap around the house and when she
went out she wore a little black bonnet
shaped hat with black lace around the front.

She was a very tiny woman. I remember
leading her over to my mother's home quite
often."

Mrs. Emma J. Fortie states, "I remember
going to see her many times and each time
she would say, 'Come here, Honey, and let
me measure you. I am your grandma.'
Then she would put her hand on my head
to see how tall I was."

She has always been known as Blind
Grandma, as she was blind many years be-
fore her death. During her later years she
lived with her son James (Uncle Jimmie)
and with her son, George, at whose home
she died at the age of 94 years.

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